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Territory of Colorado; ss: I. A. C. Hunt do solemnly swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever, under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or Constitution within the United States hostile or inimical thereto; And I do further swear that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.

A. C. Hunt
Governor Col. Ter.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May A.D. 1867.
Moses Hallett
C. J. Supreme Court
Colorado Terry

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known: That I. A. Cameron Hunt Governor of Colorado Territory under and by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby grant an unconditional Pardon to Daniel Mund who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the laws of this Territory at the December Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District in and for the County of Arapahoe and Territory aforesaid. And sentenced to imprisonment for a term of years in the jail of said County.

{L. S.} In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 22nd day of May A.D. 1867.

A. C. Hunt
Governor Col Ter

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known: That I. A. Cameron Hunt Governor of Colorado Territory under and by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby grant an unconditional Pardon to Henry Busfies who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the laws of this Territory, at the December Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District in and for the County of Arapahoe and Territory aforesaid, and sentenced to imprisonment for the term of eighteen months in the jail of said County.

{L. S.} In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 22nd day of May A.D. 1867.

A. C. Hunt
Gov. Col. Ter

List of Officers of the

First Regiment Colorado Volunteer Mounted Militia Commissioned by Governor Hunt on the 8th day of June A.D. 1867 and mustered into the service of Colorado Territory on said date by Hal Sayr Adjutant General and Mustering Officer.

Frederick J Stanton	of Denver	Capt	Co	A
Albert Walter	" "	1st Lieut	Co	A
John Pease	" "	2d Lieut	Co	A
Harry A C Pickard	" "	Capt	Co	B
W. T. Peters	" "	1st Lieut	Co	B
Robert Brown	" "	2d Lieut	Co	B
David J Cook	" "	Capt	Co	C
Chas L Capp	" "	1st Lieut	Co	C
Charles A Crizell	" "	2d Lieut	Co	C

Colorado Militia

Wm T Wilder Brig Gen 1st Divis
Commissioned June 19th 1867

Albert G Boone Maj Gen
Commissioned June 24th 1867

Henry N Hooper Brig Gen 2nd Divis
Commissioned July 31st 1867

To

Jacob Downing,
Joseph C Davidson
E. L. Berthoud
John B Wolf
James Burrill
James D Scoby
Sam D. Hunter
Jas D Patterson
John L Coats
M. M. Craig
M. B. Halloway and Joseph Wolf

Gentlemen;

You and each of you are hereby authorized to enroll a company of Mounted Minute Men (Sixty being the minimum of each company) to be in readiness when mounted, for any emergency, to be commanded by you in person. Should it be found impracticable to enroll a full company, twenty (20) men will entitle any of you to a second Lieutenancy; and twenty five (25) men to a First Lieutenancy. The vacant positions of Captains, Lieutenants and non-commissioned Officers, will be filled by vote of your respective companies, from the enrolled men. Field and Staff Officers will be appointed by ballot election of the Battallion or Regiment after the rendezvous.

Owing to the low condition of finances of the Territory I would counsel you to incur no expense except for advertising which will be assumed by this Office, and enrollment Lists which will be furnished by the Adjutant General of the Territory, when you signify your willingness to comply with the above requirements.

Given under my hand at
Denver this 1st day of June
A. D. 1867
(Signed) A. C. Hunt
Governor Colorado Territory

Appeal to the People

To

The Business Men of Denver and to the Territory generally!

Two Hundred patriotic Soldiers stand ready to enter the service of the Territory or the General Government to go on a campaign against the Indians now menacing our settlements. Transportation and rations have already been supplied; but thus far no animals are forthcoming on which to mount these men. I appeal to you for support in this emergency.

A proposition from Capt Shaffenburg was received late on Saturday night, and pursuant to notice heretofore given, was accepted by me at 11 ock to day — for three hundred horses equipped complete at one hundred and fifty seven dollars per head, subject to inspection.

Doubt as to time and manner of payment, caused the Capt to reconsider his proposition. I am left therefore with this resort only, to ask if you who have the preservation of lives, the property of our citizens, and the safty of Over-land trade at heart, will come forward and indemnify parties against loss, who have the horses to spare.

As the Executive of the Territory I pledge you I will do all — everything — in my power to forward the enterprise which seems so much to be needed save making myself individually liable, or rendering myself ridiculous by transcending my authority

Your Obt Servant

(signed) A. C. Hunt

Governor

To
The Members of the Loyal Soldier's
Club of Denver;

You will see by the Telegram of General Sherman that the Government of the U.S. is now fully alive to our situation.

You are hereby authorized to enroll one or more Companies under officers of your own choosing to go on the Expedition as indicated in the Commanding General's dispatch.

(Signed) A. C. Hunt
Governor

Proclamation

To the Loyal Soldier's Club of Denver

In pursuance of the Telegram this day received from the Lieutenant General Commanding this Department, you are hereby authorized to enroll one or more companies of Volunteers to serve for not less than Sixty days upon the Expedition indicated in General Sherman's Dispatch.

These companies will consist of a Maximum of Seventy five men, will be organized equipped mounted and subsisted as Colorado Volunteers; will elect their own officers, will be commissioned by the Executive and be mustered into the service of the United States as Militia.

One Captain, One First Lieutenant, One Second Lieutenant, One First Seargent, four Seargents, four Corporals and Sixty enlisted men, two of whom will be appointed Musicians by the Captain shall constitute a company.

Should a Battallion be organized, the members of the Command will elect a Major, who will upon receiving his Commission, appoint a Staff consisting of one Adjutant, one Quarter Master who will act as Commissary of subsistence, one Surgeon and Asst Surgeon to be commissioned as First Lieutenants, One Seargent Major and two Musicians.

When the Companies are filled and ready for the Choice of the Battallion Commander, they will notify His Excellency the Commander in Chief, who will indicate a General Officer to supervise the Election.

Horses and subsistence, arms and equipage will be issued upon proper requisitions upon Brig Gen Hal Sayr *Ex-Officio* Q. M General, who is charged with the execution of this duty.

(Signed) A. C. Hunt
Governor
and
Commander in Chief

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known;

That I, A Cameron Hunt Governor of the Territory aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby grant a free full and unconditional Pardon unto David S Getzell who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the Laws of this Territory at the July Term of the District Court of the Second Judicial District for 1866, held within and for the County of Gilpin in the Territory aforesaid and sentenced to imprisonment for the term of one year in the County Jail of said County.

{L. S.} In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 29th day of June A D one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven

A. C. Hunt
Governor
Col Ter

Attest Frank Hall
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To

His Excellency the Governor of the State of Missouri, United States of America.

It having been made to appear to me by an Indictment found in the Second Judicial District of Colorado Territory, within and for the County of Boulder, at the March term of the District Court thereof A.D. 1866, a copy of which Indictment is hereto appended, that one Jesse Harris has committed the crime of murder in the said Territory of Colorado, and it also appearing by affidavit that the said Jesse Harris is a fugitive from justice, and has taken refuge in the State of Missouri.

Now therefore

I make this my requisition on you the said Governor of the State of Missouri for the body of the said Jesse Harris, that he be placed in the custody of Irwin Fish Sheriff of Buchanan County and State of Missouri, who is empowered as Agent of this Territory to receive the said Jesse Harris, and by said Agent transported to this Territory in order that he may be tried for said alleged crime in accordance with the Laws of this Territory in such case made and provided

{L.S.}

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory of Colorado to be affixed.

Done at Golden City this twenty first day of August in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty seven

Frank Hall
Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

To the Sheriff of the County of Las Animas
Territory of Colorado Greeting:

Whereas the undersigned having received official notice from George S Simpson Clerk of the County of Las Animas that the Seat of Jacob Beard Representative elect to the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Colorado Territory from the Twelfth Representative District comprising the Counties of Huerfano and Las Animas is now vacant by virtue of the resignation of the said Jacob Beard.

Now therefore I Frank Hall Acting Governor of the Territory of Colorado do hereby command you that you cause a Special Election to be held in the Counties of Huerfano and Las Animas to supply said vacancy in said Twelfth (12th) Representative District on Tuesday the Fifth (5th) day of November A.D. 1867 and that you forthwith give the Electors of said District due notice thereof in the form required by law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed on this the third day of October A.D. 1867.

(L.S.)

Frank Hall
Acting Governor Colorado
Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known:

That I Frank Hall acting Governor of the Territory aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested do hereby grant a free full and unconditional Pardon to William H Cogswell who was convicted of the crime of Burglary under the laws of this Territory at the April Term of the District Court of the Second Judicial District within and for the County of Gilpin in the Territory aforesaid and sentenced on the nineteenth day of said month A.D. 1867 to imprisonment for the term of one year in the Jail of said County:

[L.S.]

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Golden City this seventeenth day of October A.D. 1867.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor Col.

Proclamation

In accordance with the proclamation of His Excellency the President of the United States, I, Frank Hall acting Governor of Colorado Territory do hereby recommend to the people of this commonwealth, that they assemble in their several places of public worship on Thursday the twenty eighth day of November instant and devoutly acknowledge their gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold blessings He has vouchedsafe to us as a nation and a people during the past year.

Let our thanks ascend not only for these evidences of Divine favor, but especially for the timely and well merited chastisements which in His infinite wisdom have seemed necessary to the salvation of our beloved institutions from impending ruin, by compelling us to "break every yoke and let the oppressed go free"

Signally have we been blessed as a territory. Unwonted peace and prosperity have prevailed within our borders, while the dark form of the pestilence has avoided our homes. He has led our feet in safety to the threashold of another year, and caused the future to brighten before us. Wile our voices, therefore are raised in fervent thanksgiving over the contemplation of the past, let us unite in the invocation of His divine aid in the successful solution of the problems of our individual and national destinies

[L.S]

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Territory, on this Sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven

Frank Hall
Acting Governor
Colorado Territory

Proclamation

At an election held in the various Council and Representative Districts throughout the Territory of Colorado, on Tuesday the thirteenth day of August A.D. 1867 the following named persons were elected to the Council and House of Representatives from their respective Districts

Council

First District	James H Pinkerton
Second ..	Charles A Cook. Amos Steck.
Third ..	Hugh Butler David B Belden J. Wellington Nesmith
Fourth ..	W. A. H. Loveland
Fifth ..	E Norris Stearns
Sixth ..	William W Webster
Seventh ..	J. C. Hughes
Eighth ..	Benjamin B Field
Ninth ..	Jesus Maria Velasquez
Tenth ..	Francisco Sanchez

House

1st Dist	H. Stratton
2nd ..	Baxter B Stiles, George W Miller, J. E. Wurtzbach, Cyrus H McLaughlin.
3d ..	H. L. Pearson.
4th ..	Franklin C Sawin
5th ..	Theodore Haswell
6th ..	Stephen F Huddlestone, Charles R Bissell. David M Richards, William M Slaughter
7th ..	J. C. McCoy. J. E. Wharton
8th ..	James A Pierce, Stephen Decatur.
9th ..	William J McDougall, Angel Bates.
10th ..	B. Fowler jr. J. Gilliland.
11th ..	John Lawrence. Pueblo Ortega Juan Esquibel
12th ..	Joseph Beard x—[since resigned]
13th ..	Thomas Macon.
14th ..	E. T. Stone.

The Seventh Legislative Assembly as above enumerated, will convene at Golden City on Monday December 2d A.D. 1867 at 2 o'clock P.M. and continue in seſsion Forty days thereafter, as provided by law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, [L.S.] caused the Seal of the Territory to be affixed, on this Sixth day of November [illegible] the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty seven.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor
Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

To Irwin Fish of Buchanan County State of Missouri. Agent of the Territory of Colorado. Greeting: Whereas the Governor of the State of Missouri, pursuant to a Requisition made upon him by us under date of August 21st A.D. 1867 did place the body of one Jesse Harris a fugitive from the justice of this Territory in your custody: These therefore are to command you as such agent of Colorado Territory to deliver the body of the said Jesse Harris into the custody of D H Nichols, the bearer of these presents and authorized agent of this Territory: to receive the body of the said Jesse Harris, to be by him conveyed to this Territory, in order that the said Jesse Harris may be tried for the alleged crime of Murder, in accordance with the laws of this Territory

[L.S.] Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory of Colorado at Golden City, this 9th day of November A.D. 1867.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor
Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known: That I Frank Hall Acting Governor of the Territory aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon to Cornelius Lyon who was convicted of the crime of Manslaughter, under the laws of this Territory at the June Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid and Sentenced on June 22nd A.D. 1867 to be confined ten years in the Penitentiary House of Colorado Territory, and until such time as Penitentiary Buildings are erected, to be confined in the Jail of the said County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid.

{L.S.}

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed, at Golden City this 12th day of November A.D. 1867.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor
Colorado Territory

Governor's Message

Delivered to the Legislative Assembly in joint Session at Golden City Dec 2d 1867.

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Representatives: Circumstances of a public character familiar to you all, have made it my duty to assume the office and address you in the name of the Chief Magistrate at this meeting of the seventh session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Colorado.

This is perhaps the most important convention of your honorable Body since the organization of the Territory. With the rapid growth of our community in wealth and population during the past year have arisen new and more enlarged duties to which I will call your attention and to the consideration and performance of which I promise my cordial and earnest cooperation.

The most important consideration affecting the welfare of our people is that of obtaining cheap, rapid and safe communication with the great centres of wealth and population of the East, from which are drawn our supplies, save the necessaries of life, and from which is to come the capital and labor for the development of the varied resources of this country. In past years these supplies were transported in wagons from the Missouri River, a distance of more than six hundred miles, exposed during the greater part of the journey to the destructive and murderous attacks of the savages of the plains. Burdens such as these would have been fatal to the occupation of the country, had our people been less determined or our resources less abundant. The history of America nowhere else records such a steady increase of wealth and population under such peculiarly trying and disadvantageous circumstances.

The completion of the Union Pacific Railroad to a point one hundred and ten miles north of our commercial centre, has by a reduction of wagon transportation to that distance and the removal of danger from attacks of hostile Indians, materially lightened the burden of expensive and uncertain communication with our base of supplies. But while I congratulate you upon this auspicious event, I would commend to your consideration the subject of further relief by actual connection by rail between the mining regions via Golden and Denver Cities and the above mentioned road, and also with the Eastern Division Railway which has reached a point two hundred and fifty miles east of this city.

The Union Pacific road forming the grand trunk which is to unite the eastern and western borders of our country has reached the base of the Rocky Mountains five hundred and twenty miles from its initial point. Extending eastward from the city of San Francisco to meet this main thoroughfare is the Central Pacific Railway whose iron arms have already crossed the Sierra Nevadas and which is advancing with such marvelous rapidity that within two years we shall rejoice at the completion of a grand continental highway over which will pour from the flood gates of India the commerce of all nations to its point of distribution at the City of New York, quickening the pulse of trade and giving to the American people the commercial and monetary monopoly of the civilized world.

The Eastern Division [illegible] trunk is [illegible] compelled to connect with the principal line at a point not more than fifty miles west of the meridian of Denver; but it is believed that the company building it propose to obtain from the present Congress a change in its charter and subsidy of lands and money for the purpose of deflecting to the southward and making a trunk road to the Pacific by way of Santa Fe and Arizona.

Assuming this Division will be so deflected from its chartered course, Colorado will continue to suffer from the delays and increased expense of wagon transportation for all foreign supplies, and isolated like an island in mid ocean will see the commerce of nations sweep by while her shores are untouched. To prevent this isolation and to place ourselves within the great current of trade which is to flow across the continent enriching all within its influence and which would give to Colorado a prosperity greater than her most sanguine friends have presaged, should command our united energies. We must have no local jealousies or divided counsels.

Our citizens are manifestly unable at the present time to construct these branch railways, so indispensable to the development of the Territory, and I therefore recommend the adoption of a joint Memorial to Congress asking that a subsidy of lands and money be granted by the general government to accomplish their completion. Such a subsidy would be simply a loan which would be more than repaid in a few weeks by the greater revenue derived from our stimulated industries, and most certainly would not equal the expense of military occupation and defense, of which the construction of these roads would obviate the necessity.

Mining, our great industry, the foundation upon which rests our whole business prosperity, has during the past year yielded to well directed labor most satisfactory returns. This encouraging result is partly due to a vigorous working of long abandoned lodes and placers, to the exclusion of the exciting search for new mines, which in former years so generally directed the efforts of the miner by the stimulating hope of sudden wealth, but mainly to the introduction of new machinery and methods adapted to the proper treatment of it's ores.

These processes seem to embrace all the chemical and mechanical appliances necessary for the certain and economical extraction of the precious metals from their matrices, having given under sufficiently practical tests with all varieties of ores the most gratifying results. We may confidently look forward to a period in the not very remote future, when we shall be able to obtain gold, silver and copper from the abundant materials in which our mountains abound, to an extent practically limited only by the amount of machinery and capital employed for those purposes.

The discovery and partial development of numerous and surprisingly rich silver mines in the vicinity of Georgetown in Clear Creek County, during the past year offers a fresh guarantee of a diversity of labor and increased production of wealth in the brightening future.

Under the act of Congress approved July 26th 1866, the mineral lands of the United States, surveyed and unsurveyed are laid open to pre-emption and occupation — pursuant to certain prescribed regulations — by citizens of the United States and those who have declared their intention to become such. Since the passage of this act a multitude of applications for government titles to mines have been filed in the Land Office at Denver, but the Surveyor General having found no one until a very recent date who would accept the contract to establish meridian lines within the Mining Districts, owing to the inadequate pay allowed by law for such services, but one final survey has been made. This first location by the filing of an adverse claim, under the provisions of section six of the Congressional Act, which authorizes parties having adverse claims to file them at any time prior to the approval of the survey has been duly prepared by the agents of the general government and forwarded to the Interior Department to be submitted as a test case, demanding such adjudication as will establish a reliable precedent for the guidance of future decisions. This proceeding will necessarily suggest by its thorough investigation beneficial amendments to the law which as it now stands is practically inoperative in such cases. When there are no adverse claims its operation is [illegible] complete, but when [illegible] exist, arising from inaccurate surveys, multiplicity of local titles or the causes before stated, the law does not clearly delegate to any established tribunal the power to adjust them, or if it does its meaning is so obscure as to obstruct most effectually every step taken to the permanent and definite establishment of the rights of parties litigant. The case now pending will doubtless develop the hidden construction which is to determine future action.

General Pessig has kindly furnished me with the following account of surveys made to facilitate locations under the act referred to.

The first correction line south has been run from the base of the mountains near Bradford west eighteen miles. The second correction line south extends from a point on the Divide near the head waters of Plum and Monument Creeks at the foot of the mountains west through the South Park to a point on the Arkansas River about two miles north of the Twin Lakes. The line passes about twelve miles north of the Salt Works in Park County, and six miles south of Fairplay. The 9th guide meridian has been run from the second correction line south, from a point on the eastern border of the South Park, north, to a point twelve miles north of the base line, the latter passing about one half mile east of Idaho, through the Briggs mill between Central and Black Hawk to South Boulder and Columbia City. The base line is also extended one and a half miles beyond Blue River. The exterior lines of township 3 South, range 73 west, are established taking in the lands and mining claims to a point six miles above Idaho. The surveyor general has authorized the survey of mineral lands lying within three miles of any of these lines. Within the limits described are embraced nearly all the mining districts of Boulder, Gilpin and Clear Creek counties. Empire and Georgetown, though ~~are~~ now excluded, will receive early attention, the townships in which they are located be defined, and the people enabled to assume their legal prerogative as in other jurisdictions covered by congressional statute.

During the year, the various interests of Colorado have been admirably represented at the Universal Exposition in Paris in the fall of 1867. Of [illegible] and valuable collection of minerals was made for this purpose by Geo W Maynard Esq, who was subsequently appointed Territorial Commissioner; but events transpiring shortly afterward to prevent his contemplated tour through Europe, J P Whitney, a gentleman of fine attainments and possessing a thorough practical knowledge of our country was appointed to the vacancy. Having a magnificent cabinet of specimens, some 3000 in number, many of them new to the science of mineralogy, gathered for private use they were added to the Territorial collection and with them exhibited to the world at Paris. Maps illustrating the topography of our mountains and valleys, photographic and pencil sketches showing their prominent characteristics, decorated the quarter devoted to his use, so that the stranger might gather at a glance a correct and comprehensive view of the region represented. Pamphlets setting forth a statistical review of our varied resources, agricultural as well as mineral were published in three languages, English, French and German, which ultimately became widely distributed among the scientific and industrial classes of Europe. As the result of this wholesale advertising we have:

1st The first gold medal awarded to minerals.

2nd The appointment of an Imperial Commissioner who has visited the Territory, and reported his observations therein, for the benefit of capital and science in France.

3rd The selection of an agent by the German Emigrant Aid Society of Russia to visit and investigate the advantages offered by Colorado for the early colonization of a large number of Germans.

4th The diffusion throughout Europe of such useful knowledge as will have a direct tendency to invite the industrial classes of all nations to make new homes among our people.

It is impossible to overestimate the value of the service rendered the Territory through the indefatigable energy of Commissioner Whitney. His return in October last was hailed with universal manifestations of appreciation and esteem. When we consider all that has been accomplished by his almost unaided efforts, at great personal sacrifice and a large burden of expense in which we have borne no share, the inestimable results likely to accrue in connection with the [illegible] eminently proper for this assembly to deliberate upon some fitting testimonial of the estimation in which this service is held; I would therefore suggest the adoption of a series of complimentary resolutions expressive of the same, a copy of which engrossed on parchment to be presented Mr Whitney in the name of this commonwealth.

Although in consequence of destruction in places from grasshoppers, the crops of the present year have not equaled those of the previous year, yet more than sufficient of all kinds of produce has been gathered to supply every want. This may be regarded as another demonstration of the gratifying fact that Colorado is equal, even in the most adverse seasons, to the production of ample subsistence for her population. The fact that farmers have readily adapted themselves to the system of irrigation demanded by the peculiar climate and soil, the abundance of water which can easily and without great expense be made to flow over and enrich these beautiful valleys, and the vast area of fertile country susceptible of irrigation, assures the ability to subsist from internal resources alone even the population which the full development of the mining regions will eventually attract within our borders.

The Territorial Agricultural Society incorporated in 1865, has thus far been conducted under the most gratifying auspices, expanding its sphere of usefulness with the growing interest it was formed to promote. Its second annual exhibition in October elicited the most flattering commendation from strangers present, while the uniform excellence of the products displayed, challenged competition from any section of the Great West.

Through the kindness of E. C. Holmes Esq Register of the Land Office I am enabled to incorporate the following exhibit of lands filed for the purposes of actual settlement within the year ending Oct 31st 1867.

Under Military Bounty Land Warrants	36,337 65-100 Acres
Cash Sales Act 7th Sept 1841	10,022 48-100 "
Homestead Act May 20. 1862	11,657 08-100 "
Total, No of Acres taken up for actual settlement	57,621-100 "
No of Acres filed upon under Act of 4th Sept. 1841	[illegible]3,200 "

The necessity for the immediate organization of a Bu~~reau of Statistics is becoming~~ [illegible] conviction by the fact of having received in my official character a large number of communications addressed from various quarters of the United States making inquiries in regard to the soil, climate, present and projected Rail-roads, productions, society and general prospects of the Territory; the writers being actuated by a desire to establish permanent homes here, and avail themselves of the advantages presented by the rising development of a new and prosperous country. That such immigration is needed to assist in perfecting the enterprise which we but a few years since initiated in the desolation and solitude of the wilderness and have already brought to such a gratifying stage of progression cannot be controverted; nor can the apprehension be disguised that without the aid of this potent auxiliary we must eventually languish if not entirely fail to consummate the glorious mission we came to fulfill. Various agencies have combined to draw from us a large portion of the laboring class upon which we are mainly dependent for the cultivation of the broad acres of fertile lands which surround us, and the enlargement of mining operations. Measures for the recuperation of our overtasked energies through foreign channels should receive earnest attention. Statistics should be collected, printed, and scattered broadcast over the land, showing our incomparable resources, and inviting to our friendly soil the industrial classes of every quarter of the globe. Let the advantages which our Territory affords to those seeking new homes be more generally known, and a tide of immigration will speedily flow hither that would place Colorado on a footing of equality with a majority of the older states members of the Federal Union.

The Indian question may now be regarded as one that is no longer capable of seriously disturbing our domestic tranquility. The peace commission, of whose movements ample notice has been afforded by the press, have succeeded in negotiating terms with the various hostile tribes which mainly place them beyond immediate contact with present or projected thoroughfares. The boundaries established for the Kiowas and Comanches, embrace the tract of country which begins on the intersection of the thirty-fifth parallel to the north fork of Red River; thence down the same to the main stream of that name, and along the same to the Ninety eighth [illegible] thence [illegible] yinning, covering an area of nearly six thousand square miles. It is stipulated that in lieu of the annuities formerly provided by the government, the Indians shall annually receive supplies of clothing commensurate with and suited to their wants, and in addition to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended yearly by the Interior Department, for such other necessary articles as may be demanded by their new condition. Efforts will be made to induce these and other tribes treated with to adopt agricultural pursuits and gradually abandon their nomadic habits. They agree to interpose no obstruction to the advancement of the several railroad lines, and to preserve a lasting peace.

The Cheyennes and Arapahoes have been made the objects of especial care, they being removed as far as possible from Colorado influences, "because" says Senator Henderson "the people of that Territory seem so much excited and embittered against them". The district selected for these bands is located south of and bordered by the Arkansas River extending north to the Kansas border and south to the Cimarron, comprising a magnificent section of nine thousand square miles within which there are no considerable settlements. Like the Kiowas and Comanches, they agree to withdraw their opposition to emigrants, settlers and the lines of railroad, submitting peacefully to the new regulations prescribed for them, with the single exception of the right to hunt game over a much wider range of country than that designated as their grant. A few other bands enumerated as members of the warlike confederation, have been similarly disposed of by their retirement to ample reservations removed from present routs of travel. While doubt exists in the minds of western men, particularly in Colorado, whose citizens have suffered most severely from the murderous incursions of these tribes, as to the permanency of these wholesome arrangements, all will rejoice at the prospect of peace, after a most continuous warfare of three years duration. Whether these treaties are observed forever or violated within a year, will make little difference with our commercial interests, because the Union Pacific Railroad which can and will be protected against all danger and obstruction [illegible] to us as a means of communication with our base of supplies.

In this connection it is proper to advert to the Ute nation whose friendship and uniform good conduct is a subject for universal congratulation, and should commend these worthy people to the favorable consideration of the parent government. During the bloody conflict that has passed with the tribes of the plains, they have steadily maintained their allegiance to treaty stipulations. They have mingled freely with our citizens, without the slightest collision, until they have come to be regarded not only as friends but allies, and their necessities cheerfully relieved by private contributions.

But something more is necessary. The general government while caring for those whose record is written in the blood of our people, should certainly extend its beneficent offices to those who are manifestly entitled to the first place in its confidence. Through the occupancy of their lands by the white settlers, all opportunity for self maintainance by the only means they know how to employ is sacrificed leaving them greatly dependent upon charity for support. Life annuities similar in extent to those granted the other bands referred to, should be provided by Congress, and their distribution regularly and honestly made. The Utes are now in condition to receive instruction, properly tendered, in the ways of civilization. Agencies established among them, upon reservations wisely chosen for their adaptation to agricultural and pastoral pursuits, and Missionaries appointed to teach them these new duties, would I am convinced be followed by immediate good results.

The laws of our Territory through a necessity incident to all young communities, have received many important amendments, since the first session of the Legislative Assembly. These amendments distributed through the legislation of all succeeding years, make our statutes in their present form, an embarassment even to the legal profession, while to the people at large they are almost a sealed book. To effect a judicious compilation of them would entail but a trifling expense, and render to all classes an essential service. In anticipation of such action being taken by the Seventh Assembly [illegible] view of the fact that a period of two years must elapse before such a work could be performed and submitted for approval, which would only augment the difficulty now complained of, a method for the obviation of so lengthy a postponement has been adopted by the legal fraternity and carried into effect by Col. E. P. Wells, an attorney of acknowledged ability who has made a thorough compilation of the Statutes to which your attention will be called at an early day. The labor has been long and arduous — the expense a material consideration — and the work has been done in a manner to meet the unqualified approval of the supreme judges whose certificate it bears. While I believe that a comprehensive codification would be more acceptable, the form to which I have alluded will remove the principal obstructions to a general and correct knowledge of our laws, and afford a safe and intelligible basis upon which to erect a more elaborate structure when demanded.

For various reasons it is desirable that the organization, whether partial or complete, of each County throughout the Territory, should be known to the Executive Department. The Election Returns on file in the Secretary's Office, cannot be relied upon for such information, for the reason that a large number of County officers elected, fail to execute their bonds and qualify within the time prescribed by law, thus creating many vacancies to be supplied by the commissioners. Many of the County Clerks have neglected to forward the election returns for local officers, from the fact that, in their judgment, no practical advantage could be derived from it, and for the reasons before given, no special effort has been made to obtain them. Being often called upon to authenticate for use in foreign countries and in the United States, the signatures and official acts of such officers, and possessing no accurate knowledge of the same, I caused the several County clerks to be furnished ~~with~~ some weeks previous to the last general election, with printed blanks designed when properly filled, to exhibit the signature, date of commencement, and expiration of term of office, and post office address of each qualified officer, but a majority of these [illegible] upon the subject— they being under no legal obligation so to do — have failed to return these lists in the form requested. The information thus sought, which is essential to public convenience, necessary to the validity of transfers of property, the delegation of important trusts and the facilitation of much official business having been withheld, I recommend to your honorable body such an amendment to the general election law as will meet the exigency.

While discussing affairs relative to county organizations it is well to consider the question long agitated but never decided bearing upon the matter of revenue in such counties as have effected but partial and incomplete organizations. The Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports exhibit from year to year the mortifying fact that a number of counties have failed to contribute their proportionate share towards the maintainance of the public burden, though enjoying all the privileges of representation and protection under the laws, granted to those whose revenue is promptly and regularly paid. The excuse has been that having no local organization no officers had been appointed to levy assessments and collect taxes, hence none had been returned. It is not only unwise but positively unjust to the great masses of the tax payers to permit the further continuance of this ruinous policy. The counties referred to are no less prosperous with their internal affairs than those which occupy a more central position. Their lands produce abundantly, labor is far less expensive than on the eastern or northern border, and ample markets are provided for the disposal of all they may produce at rates profitable to the producer.

An amendment to the revenue law is called for by these circumstances which will provide for the appointment of territorial officers whose duty it shall be to levy assessments and gather the territorial tax from such counties as have neglected to make provision for defraying their portion of the general expenses.

It is evident that further legislation is required for the prevention of election frauds. Too much importance cannot be attached to the purity of the ballot box, nor too much care taken for its preservation. Without essential safeguards popular elections become a farce and republican government a fable. The [illegible] subjects the statesman [illegible] dearest interests of the people are sacrificed to the promotion of partizan ends and personal aggrandizement. It is reasonable to conclude that the charges of fraud, so freely preferred at each succeeding election, are not entirely without foundation. Under present statutory regulations, fraudulent votes may be deposited notwithstanding the exercise of the utmost vigilence of the election boards, and it is literally impossible to correct the wrong thus perpetrated, by attempting to eliminate the illegal from the legal votes, because one class is indistinguishable from the other. Rejecting returns in toto, as has in some instances been done, is to say the least a harsh remedy, for you thereby disfranchise legal voters, and punish the many for the faults of the few. Good citizens should not thus be deprived of the most valuable prerogative of American citizenship. A Registry law similar in its provisions to those successfully operated in many of the States, has been suggested as a cure for this rapidly growing evil. While the efficiency of such a law has hardly been questioned, doubts have been expressed as to its immediate practicability. It has been objected with much force, that the system proposed is too intricate and expensive for satisfactory application in our sparsely populated Territory. This argument prevailed and prevented the enactment, in the session of '65 of a wholesome Registry law. We are now called upon to take the broadest possible view of this question. The official declarations of the results of subsequent elections, have been seriously questioned, and in some instances appeals taken therefrom to tribunals of last resort, and there is a very generally expressed desire that such legislative action may be had as will if possible place the regularity of future elections beyond the power of contravention. This subject commends itself to careful investigation as a matter eminently worthy the consideration of a free and order loving people. Good citizens must be protected in the exercise of the elective franchise, and the evil disposed prevented from exercising this right by fraudulent agencies in the same direction.

"The recent amendment to the Organic act, providing that hereafter the sessions of the Legislature shall comwill necessitate radical modifications of the law regulating general elections, and requiring annual reports of certain Territorial officers entrusted with the collection and disbursement of the public revenue, to be submitted to the ~~Legislative session~~ Assembly while in session. Since it will henceforth impossible for such officers to comply with former custom in this regard it is proper to devise measures which will satisfy the public demand for annual exhibits. I therefore suggest that at the close of each alternate year intervening between the sessions, such reports shall be made to the Executive, who shall cause the same to be published in one or more newspapers having the largest general circulation, so that the people may be officially advised each year of all matters pertaining to the organization of the militia, the public schools and the condition of the finances.

The partial abridgement of mails facilities is a question full of interest to every inhabitant. The law of Congress enacted in 1867, which has to this day deprived us of a large share of periodical literature, was inflicted upon us through the influence of mail contractors, to whom we are indebted for other and even more serious deprivations. If at any time a cause existed for the interposition of Congress to prevent abuses in the overland Mail system, that cause is now wholly removed, and there can be no occasion for its further continuance. Congress should be vigorously memorialized upon this subject, and our Delegate instructed to use his utmost endeavors to relieve this people from the odious law that has so long been a measure of oppression.

There has been considerable discussion through the press and elsewhere in reference to the establishment of a new Territory with its seat of government located at Cheyenne the present western terminus of the Pacific Railroad. The marvellous growth of cities known only in the region west of the Alleghanies, whereby a complete solitude is transformed as if by magic into a populous city, replete with all the appliances of a progressive civilization has been again illustrated at a point but a few miles removed from the northern boundary of our Territory. Within the short space of four months a vigorous town has grown from an unpeopled waste to a population estimated, [illegible] commencement with so auspicious a generation that sanguine hope of the future which is so characteristic of American frontier life, arose the discussion of a proposition to establish a distinct Territorial Government, which led to definite action in the election of a Delegate to Congress, who has been sent to Washington to advocate its adoption by the Federal Legislature. Further than incidental allusion to these facts would be unwarranted at this time were it not that in the event of the favorable consideration by Congress of the proposition in question, there is reason to apprehend that an important portion of Colorado will be appropriated to form a part of the area of the proposed Territory. Regarding at all times as we do with unfeigned pride the rapid growth and prosperity of our common country, and feeling an especial interest in that so near at hand; we nevertheless could ill afford to cripple our own resources to the extent contemplated by our aspiring neighbors. The benefit to be derived from our dismemberment would be measured by our injury. Just in proportion as it would be beneficial to another, it would be injurious to us. The necessity of an immediate organization of another Territory is to say the least, somewhat problematical, especially when it must necessarily involve serious injury to one already organized and prepared for admission as a State. Colorado has labored from its first settlement against innumerable adversities, but none that has threatened a permanent injury to the whole people as does this. The subject is brought to your notice not because the danger is imminent, but in order that you may be prepared to check and defeat any such movement if inaugurated during your present session.

The recent act of Congress decreeing civil and political equality throughout the Territories, practically annuls and repeals the provisions of our local statutes defining the qualifications of voters and jurors. It is not my purpose at this time to discuss the wisdom or propriety of this measure, since discussion could in no way affect the result. Its operation has met with no opposition in the several municipal and county elections, where prejudice and principle have been brought face to face, the former being lost before the mighty presence of the latter. The ordeal though bitterly severe to many, has been generally accepted, cheerfully, as one of the inevitable results of a great political revolution. As loyal citizens, we should hasten to render legal obedience to the national will, by harmonizing our legislative acts with those of the general Government.

The annual report of the Adjutant General is submitted herewith. The exhibit therein is a subject which calls for more than ordinary attention from your honorable body, which is made urgent by the almost inextricable confusion which prevails in this department. The importance of an efficient militia law to supersede the statutes which, though entirely inoperative and worthless, are still in force, need not be recited. The proceedings of His Excellency Governor Hunt, under this law which transpired during the summer, when furnished will be made the subject of a special message.

Although repeated efforts have been made by the Executive to obtain reliable information respecting the disposition made of our Territorial claims against the United States Government for the services of militia in the years 1864 nothing definite has yet been elicited. Through private sources however, I learn that the accounts (of which a full history will be found in the Adjutant General's Report) have been duly authenticated by Generals Sherman and Hancock and are before the War Department for submission to Congress. Such other intelligence as may be received during your present session will be forthwith transmitted.

I find that the Report of Adjutant General Lewis N. Tappan, forming an important part of the military history of this Territory, prepared in 1866, has neither been submitted to the Legislative Assembly, nor published, as required by law, though my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It is to be hoped that this Assembly will take the requisite steps for its incorporation with the usual reports.

I close this message — though already extended far beyond the limits of my original design — without reverting to the State question which has so occupied the public mind, might be regarded as annual, [illegible] neglect of duty, especially since my predecessor devoted so large a portion of his last address to its discussion. Four years ago a Legislature was elected which petitioned Congress for an enabling ~~act as a~~ preliminary step to the organization of Colorado as a State. It being granted a constitutional convention was called, a constitution framed, submitted to the people and rejected. The following Spring the rebellion closed, returning to their homes in the Territory our soldiers which the war had called to the field. After universal discussion it was decided to attempt a second organization of the State forces, and accordingly another convention was called and a new and a more acceptable constitution framed. On being submitted to the people it was ratified by a majority of 155. The election of state officers followed, succeeded in due time by the selection of two senators to represent the new State in the superior branch of the National legislature. The bill for admission twice passed both houses of Congress and was twice vetoed by the President. A third bill was introduced which is now pending. The principal argument urged against the measure by the disaffected of all parties was the inadequacy of population. During the legislative session of 1865 a census bill was passed and the census taken, which resulted in placing the number of resident inhabitants at less than 30,000. Every unprejudiced mind declared at once against this unquestionably false return, but its effect had already gone abroad to tell the world that Colorado was being depopulated, and would soon become a mere blank upon the broad map of the nation. The result is well known and need not therefore be recapitulated. That our numbers have largely increased during the year is incontrovertable. As an evidence of this fact I need only point to the returns of the last popular election held in August whereby we have estimating five persons to each voter, a population but little short of [illegible] was

It seems to me that to allow this persistent effort to achieve state sovereignty, running through four years to fail at last, leaving us in the Territorial condition, with no influence in national affairs, and but little in our own, would be but little less than suicidal to every vital interest. What may be called the Rocky Mountain system of railroads, has sufficiently developed itself to show, that without a voice in the Government at Washington, we are to be deprived of all benefits arising from its inauguration and completion. The events of the past twelve months to which reference is unnecessary, fully establish this view of the question. We find that even in the matter of connection with one or both of the great lines of railway, we have nothing but our own resources, unaided by public land grants as in new states, to encourage the enterprise. The advantages accruing from the construction of one such line of connection with the East, would, I venture to say, outweigh ten fold the additional taxation requisite for the support of state government.

By virtue of the act of Congress approved January 22. 1867, the net proceeds of the internal revenue of this Territory to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, is set aside and appropriated to and for the purpose of erecting, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior a penitentiary building. Although no instructions have been received from the Interior Department with reference to the preliminary steps which are to inshure the early completion of work upon this very necessary public edifice, it is safe to conclude that the location of a suitable site by your assembly would be eminently proper. It is hoped that a central position may be chosen in order that all parts of the Territory may be accommodated in it's use.

The reports of the Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, which are herewith, will show the condition of the public schools and the general financial standing of the Territory. The subjects for legislation enumerated in the foregoing pages, are committed to your care as the faithful guardians of the public weal. I trust that in the [illegible] you are about to enter will be guided by wisdom, justice and harmony. To this end I invoke the blessing of the Almighty Disposer of human events and all earthly destinies, to rest upon and crown your great and noble mission.

Frank Hall.

Dec 3rd 1867.

To the Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House of Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, certain documents in reference to a Special Election held in the Twelfth Representative District, on the Fifth day of November 1867, to supply the vacancy caused by the resignation of Jacob Beard, together with the proceedings of the Territorial Board of Canvassers in relation thereto.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Chairman Board Canvassers.

Dec 9th 1867.

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives, that I have approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in that body viz;

"An Act to locate the seat of Government of Colorado Territory"

Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 12th 1867

Hon W W Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Council Resolution requesting me to communicate to that body all information in my possession respecting the action of the Secy of War upon the accounts of this Territory rendered for the services of its Militia.

The following copy of a Telegram received this morning comprehends the present situation of said accounts.

Washington Dec 11th 1867

Hon Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Settlement has been made with the War Office and the matter is now in the hands of a Congressional Committee. Will go through at once after the Holidays.

Signed
A C Hunt
Governor

Any further intelligence referring to this subject that may reach me during your present session, will be transmitted without delay for the consideration of the Council.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 16th 1867 —

Hon W W Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate Hal Sayr to be Adjutant General of Colorado Territory, for the ensuing term of two years.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 1st 1866

Hon W. W. Webster
President Council

Sir:
I have the honor to nominate Columbus Nuckolls to be Territorial Treasurer for the ensuing term of two years
Very Respectfully
By [illegible]
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 19th 1866

Hon W W Webster
President Council

Sir:
I have the honor to nominate Wm M. Roworth of Gilpin County to be one of the Commissioners to locate the Capital site of Colorado Territory.
Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 19th 1866

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir:
I have the honor to nominate Hon Allen A. Bradford of Pueblo County to be one of the Commissioners to locate the Capital site of Colorado Territory.
Very Respectfully
Frank Hall,
Acting Governor.

Denver Dec 17th 1866

Hon W W Webster
President of the Council

Sir: I have the honor to nominate Joseph M. Marshall to be one of the Commissioners to locate the Capital Site of Colorado Territory
Very Respectfully
Frank Hall. Acting Gov

[illegible] Message

Denver Dec 20th 1867

Hon. [illegible] Laughlin
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir;

I have the honor to direct the attention of your Honorable Body to the recently published series of very able and elaborate Reports from the various Territorial Departments and to suggest that a careful perusal of them be made by each and every Member, in order that the palpable defects in present statutes therein represented may be remedied by judicious legislation.

In view of the fact that progress upon the settlement of our claims against the General Government for the services of our Militia has been reported by His Excellency Governor Hunt who is on the ground making this matter the object of personal supervision and the evident prospect of early payment by Congress of the amount due the Territory therein; it is eminently proper for your Honorable Body to make suitable provision for the suitable distribution of this money to the several funds enumerated in said report, immediately upon receipt of notice from the Treasury Department of the United States that payment has been ordered. By this course a large amount of interest annually accruing upon the bonded debt of this account assumed by the Territory will be disposed of and a burden taken from the shoulders of the people. The public interest demands that the utmost care be observed in the preparation of this bill.

I would invite especial attention to the Report of the Adjutant General which plainly indicates the absolute necessity of a more intelligible and efficient Military law and the thorough reorganization of Military affairs throughout this jurisdiction. The closing paragraph of the Auditors Report, furnishing an estimate of expenses incurred on account of the Militia mustered into service in June last by order of Governor Hunt for which Certificates of service have been issued, but there being insufficient to meet the demands, these claims are still unadjusted. They should be met by the requisite appropriation.

Ample provision for the continued healthful growth of our Territorial Library should be made in the forthcoming report of your Committee on Ways and Means. The present Law of Congress compelling payment of letter postage upon all transient printed matter transmitted through the mails to this Territory, necessarily deprives this most useful public institution of many valuable books which would otherwise be furnished from the Annual Reports of the different States of the Union. The postal or express rates now charged, very frequently exceed the original cost of the works so transported. I would therefore suggest that a special contingent fund of say five hundred dollars be set apart from the yearly appropriations to meet the requirements of this Department in the cause above stated.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 28th 1866

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith for correction the enrolled copy of an Act in relation to one Francis Hubbs certified to have originated in your honorable body [illegible] which through inadvertence I presume has passed both branches of the Legislature without the name of title being prefixed. Should there be any opposition however which would detain the bill in your hands a considerable length of time, I beg that it may be returned to me at once in its present form notwithstanding the propriety of prefixing the title, as it has been the custom of all previous assemblies to pass enactments in that form

Very Respty Yr Obt Svt

Fran. K Hall act. Gov

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Denver Dec [illegible]

Hon [illegible] McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following bills certified to have originated in that body, viz:

Joint Memorial to Congress in relation to the Military Reservation known as Camp Collins.

Joint Memorial to Congress in relation to Postal Laws.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec [illegible]

Hon W. W. Webster
President Council

Sir;

I have the honor to nominate Nathaniel [illegible] Freeman to be Territorial Auditor of Public Accounts.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec [illegible]

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following Bill certified to have originated in that body, viz:

"An Act to Change the name of Octavius H. Lubbs."

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Dec 27th 1867

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following Bill, certified to have originated in that body viz:

"An Act to amend an act to enable Road, Ditch, Manufacturing and other companies to become bodies corporate"

Denver Dec 31st 1867

Hon W. W. Webster
Prest Council

Sir:

In accordance with a Resolution from the Honorable Council I have the honor to present herewith a true and correct abstract of Election Returns by Counties of an Election held in and for the Territory of Colorado on the Thirteenth day of August A.D. 1867.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 4th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the Honorable Council that I have approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in that Body viz:

"An Act to Legalize the Records of Lake County"

"An Act in relation to an adopted Child of Major E. B. Kirk"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 4th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following Bill certified to have originated in that body to wit:
"Joint Memorial and Resolution relative to increased Compensation for survey of Public Lands in Colorado"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

(Telegram) Denver C.T.
Jany 4th 1868

His Excellency Governor Hunt
Washington D.C.

Will be impossible for Legislature to finish necessary business in time fixed by Law, can you get me authority to call extra Session of ten or twenty days? Answer earliest moment.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 6th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

In pursuance of a Council Resolution received this date, I have the honor to transmit herewith the original M.S.S. of the Treasurer's Report for 1867. with the observation that I have carefully compared it with the printed copy & find no error, though there appears to be a material discrepancy in the statement showing the amount paid by & balance due from certain Counties. In the hope that the honorable Council will give this matter earnest investigation I remain

Very Respectfully yr obt svt
Frank Hall
Acting Gov

Denver Jany 6th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in that body viz;

"An act to amend Section 32 of an Act to define County Boundaries and to locate County Seats in Colorado Territory"

"An Act in relation to the adopted Child of Samuel N. Hoyt"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 8th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following Bill certified to have originated in that body viz:

"An act to locate the site and establish a Penitentiary for the Territory of Colorado"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 8th 1868.

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council:

Sir; I have the honor to inform the Council that I have approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in that body viz "An act relating to Intoxicating Liquors on days of Election"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver January 8th 1868

Hon B. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir: I have the honor to inform the House of Representatives that I have approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in that body viz:

"An Act to provide for the publication of the Revised Statutes of Colorado Territory"

"An Act concerning Fines and forfeited Recognizances."

"Concurrent Resolution tendering the thanks of the Legislative Assembly to Hon J. P. Whitney Commissioner to the Paris Exposition"

I take this occasion to say that the orthography of the above named bills is highly defective, and since the Law requires that all clerical errors shall be printed as Enrolled and the correct orthography enclosed in brackets immediately thereafter it is proper to say that the utmost care should be observed in the examination of all Enrolled Bills to prevent this useless mutilation of the Statutes during their publication. For a comprehensive example of this truth your attention is respectfully directed to page 58 Laws of the Fourth Session

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver January 8th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir

I have the honor to nominate James M. Wilson of Arapahoe County to be one of the Commissioners to locate a site for the Penitentiary of Colorado Territory

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 8th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate Samuel N. Hoyt of Lake County to be one of the Commissioners to locate a site for the Penitentiary of Colorado Territory

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 8th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate Anson Rudd of Fremont County to be one of the Commissioners to locate a Site for the Penitentiary of Colorado Territory

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 8th 1868.

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have this day approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

"An Act requiring persons elected or appointed to County or Precinct offices in this territory to qualify"
"An Act to Change the name of Anna Martin"
"An act to change the name of Sarah Thomas"
"An Act to provide for the payment of Clerks and other officers of the Legislative Assembly"
"H.B. No 75" "An act Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Colorado Territory"
"H.R. No 24 An Act concerning Criminal Jurisprudence"

Very Respectfully Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall acting Gov

Denver Jany 9th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir;

I have this day approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the Council:

"An act to change the Boundaries of the Counties of Pueblo, Huerfano and Las Animas."

"An act limiting the amount of compensation of County Treasurers for the collection of County Taxes, to pay interest on County Bonds."

"An Act to provide for Office Rent, furniture and Stationery for the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Colorado Territory"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Veto Message

Denver Jany 9th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I return herewith without official sanction "An Act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between William O Sears and Sarah Francis Sears with my objections to its becoming a law.

An examination of the Statute Records of Colorado Territory from the earliest period of its organization down to the present session will elicit no case in which the Legislative Assembly upon mature deliberation has assumed the sacred legal prerogative belonging to the Courts of Justice alone; and established itself a special tribunal for the adjudication of civil causes. Even before the law "concerning Divorces" approved November 7th. '61 was enacted, it became a question with the Assembly then in session as to its jurisdiction over such cases, to ascertain the truth of which a select committee composed of three legal gentlemen was appointed, who after patient and exhaustive investigation declared unanimously against the assumption. On the contrary however the several coördinate branches of the government have steadily maintained that all cases of this nature were clearly and exclusively within the jurisdiction of the established Courts whose province it is to hear the full burden of testimony pro and con and determine the rights of each case in accordance therewith.

A volume of instances might be cited to sustain this position, but which at this late day of your session, I find no time to discuss, nor do I regard it as being necessary to do more than appeal in the briefest manner to the riper judgment of the Members composing the House of Representatives for justification of my action.

Aside from the considerations already presented there is the one of precedent, which it seems to me is inexorable and will not be disregarded. Let the fact become heralded throughout the Territory that Matrimonial Manumission may be obtained of the Legislative Assembly without trial and without price and a multitude of petitions will follow the announcement, consuming the valuable time which legitimately belongs to more important subjects of Legislation, demoralizing the very foundations of our social organization and reflecting discredit upon the self constituted tribunal which considered them.

The Act of 1851 "Concerning Divorces and Alimony" is sufficiently plain, liberal and comprehensive in its provisions to afford protection to all aggrieved parties in need of its good offices. If the complainant be poor and manifestly unable to ~~pay~~ defray the expenses of a suit in Court the law provides that it shall be conducted gratuitously. I see nothing in the case now before me to exempt it from the practical operation of this statute and therefore return it without my approval.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 68

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir;

I have this day approved and signed the following Bills certified to have originated in the Council.

"An Act to create and establish a Board of Registry of Electors"

"An Act to extend the Corporate limits of the City of Denver"

"An Act to repeal an Act entitled an act to prevent the introduction of animals for the purpose of grazing within certain limits"

An Act to amend an act entitled an act to preserve Game in the Territory of Colorado."

"An Act amendatory of an act relating to Counties and County Officers"

"An act to amend an act entitled an act concerning practice in civil cases."

"Joint Memorial to the Congress of the United States in relation to the Las Animas Grant."

"An Act in regard to improvements upon public lands donated to public uses."

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868.

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have this day approved and signed the following Acts certified to have originated in the House of Representatives.

"An Act relating to Rail Roads, Wagon Roads, Mining Companies, subscriptions to stock, issue of bonds, taxes to pay interest and principal by Counties, Cities and Towns, and for other purposes."

"Joint Memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to a subsidy of lands for Railroad purposes"

Joint Memorial and Resolution relating to an additional appropriation for the purpose of building a Penitentiary in Colorado Territory."

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon W W Webster
President of the Council

Sir;

I have this day approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the Council

"An Act cancelling County Bonds".

"An Act authorizing the County Commissioners of the Counties of Lake, Boulder, Larimer and Weld to appropriate to the construction of Roads and Bridges the Military funds raised by virtue of an Act entitled "An Act to encourage the formation and equipment of Volunteer Companies" approved Feb 10th 1865."

"An Act concerning the Incorporation of Masonic and Odd Fellows Societies"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 15th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir;

I have the honor to nominate Wilbur F. Stone to be District Attorney for the Third Judicial District

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon. [illegible] H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the House of Representatives.

An Act entitled "An Act to compel Auction Stands and Commission Stables to keep a Record of their proceedings."

"An Act to provide for the printing of the Common School Laws."

"An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Summit to appropriate to the construction of Bridges the Military fund raised by virtue of an Act entitled an Act to encourage the formation and equipment of Volunteer Companies, Approved Feby 10th 1865."

An Act entitled "An Act to require butchers and slaughterers to give bonds and keep a Record of the Animals purchased and slaughtered by them."

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon. C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the House of Representatives.

"An Act disposing of Unclaimed Witness Fees"

"An Act entitled An Act to encourage the Destruction of Wolves"

"An Act concerning the Incorporation of the North American Turner's Union"

"An Act to amend an Act concerning Justices of the Peace and Constables."

"An Act to establish a Territorial Assay office in the Territory of Colorado."

"An Act to provide for the relief of Adaline McFarland, of

Boulder County"

"An Act to amend an act entitled an Act Concerning Criminal Jurisprudence"

"An Act to regulate the collection of School Taxes"

"An Act providing for the publication of the Laws of the Territory of Colorado in Spanish Language"

"An Act repealing a certain act relating to elections and providing the time for holding the General Elections and revising Section 12 of an Act regulating Elections' approved Nov 6th 1861"

"A Memorial to the Congress of the United States relative to the coining of Silver in the Branch Mint at Denver"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon C H McLaughlin
Speaker House of Representatives

Sir;

I return herewith without approval the following bills certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

"An Act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between George W Perkins and Mary A Perkins."

"An Act to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony heretofore existing between Alonzo M Allen and Mary A Allen"

"An Act to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony heretofore existing between John H Craig and Susan Craig of Fremont County"

The brief period of time remaining of the present Session and a crowd of official duties forbid my entering upon any new argument in support of the position which I assumed in my message to your Honorable Body of the 9th inst I will therefore reiterate the objections set forth as applying with equal force to each of those now returned

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

"An Act providing for the appointment of a Commissioner to receive any money due the Territory of Colorado from the Government of the United States for military services"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obdt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
Prest Council

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate David H Moffatt Jr to be the Commissioner for the collection of the Military Claims of Colorado Territory against the United States Government

Very Respectfully
Yr Obdt Svt
Frank Hall, Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
Prest Council

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate C C Burlingame to be Territorial Assayer

Very Respectfully
Yr Obdt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir:

I have approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the House of Representatives

"An Act relating to appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31st 1868 and the 31st day of December 1869"

"An Act to provide for the collection of the Territorial Revenue in certain Counties and for other purposes"

"An Act to establish the Judicial Districts within this Territory and to provide for holding of Courts therein"

"An Act entitled an Act to provide homesteads in Colorado"

"An Act to incorporate the town of Georgetown"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
President of the Council

Sir:

I have approved and signed the following acts certified to have originated in the Council

"An Act providing for the Relocation of the County seat of Clear Creek County Colorado"

"An Act to provide for the Relief of Francis Gallup and Andrew J. Williams"

"An Act concerning Criminal Jurisprudence"

"An Act fixing the Time of Meeting of the Legislature of Colorado Territory"

"An Act relating to Platting of the Public Square of Golden City"

"An Act Amendatory of an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to enable Road, Ditch, Manufacturing and other Companies to become Bodies Corporate"

" An Act to further provide for the publication of the
General Statutes"
" A Memorial to Congress asking for appropriations for
Capitol Buildings"
" An Act to provide for the better collection of the Road
Tax"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon W. W. Webster
Prest Council

Sir,
I have approved and signed
the following act certified to have originated in
the Council.
" An Act concerning Territorial Revenue"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir,
I have approved
and signed the following acts certified to have
originated in the House of Representatives
" An Act to provide for the payment of assistant Clerks
of the Council and House of Representatives em-
ployed at the Seventh Session"
" An Act to provide for the Salary of the Territorial
Auditor and the contingent expenses of his Office"
" Joint Memorial in relation to the area of land
in Colorado Territory"
" An Act prescribing the fees of the Clerk of the Su-
preme Court"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall Acting Gov

Denver Jany 10th 1868

Hon C. H. McLaughlin
Speaker House Representatives

Sir;

I have approved and signed the following bill certified to have originated in the House of Representatives "An Act concerning Reports of Territorial Officers"

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Jany 14th 1868

Wilbur F Stone Esq

Sir;

I have the honor to advise you of your appointment and confirmation on the 10th instant to the Office of District Attorney for the Third Judicial District, Territory of Colorado. Your Commission please find herewith.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Denver Feby 11th 1868.

C. C. Burlingame Esq
Georgetown C. T.

Sir; I have the honor to advise you of your appointment to the office of Territorial Assayer and to enclose herewith a copy of the act creating the same. A crowd of official duties and a long absence from the Department will account for the delay of the notification. You will please apprise me of your acceptance or rejection of the position at earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Pardon of W. W. Harvey

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known:

That I Frank Hall acting Governor of the Territory aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law; do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto Wilford W. Harvey who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the Laws of this Territory, at the June Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid, and sentenced on June 22nd A. D. 1867 to be confined for the term of four years in the Penitentiary House of Colorado Territory; and until such time as Penitentiary Buildings are erected, to be confined in the Jail of the said County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the Territory this Twenty-Eighth day of January A. D. 1868.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

To His Excellency
the Governor of New Mexico N. T.

It having been made to appear to me by the affidavit of Alex H Hugett a copy of which is hereunto annexed that E. J. Baxter & Henry H Herrick have committed a Felony within this Territory and that they have fled to the Territory of New Mexico; Now therefore I make this my Requisition upon you for the bodies of the said E. J. Baxter & Henry H Herrick, that they may be placed in the custody of the bearer Alex H Hungett and by him transported to this Territory in order that they may be tried for said alleged crime in accordance with the laws of this Territory in such case made and provided:

{L. S.} In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the Territory this 5th day of Feby A.D. 1868.

Frank Hall
Acti. Governor

Executive Department }
Colorado Territory } ss

To Alex H. Hungate Greeting:

Whereas it hath been made to appear to me from an Affidavit this day filed in this Department that on or about the 9th day of October A.D. 1867 E. J. Baxter and Henry A Herrick did commit a Felony in this Territory and have fled to the Territory of New Mexico. And Whereas I have this day made my Requisition upon His Excellency the Governor of the said Territory of New Mexico for the bodies of the said E. J. Baxter and Henry A Herrick: These therefore are to authorize and command you to receive the bodies of the said E J Baxter and Henry A Herrick from the authorities of New Mexico aforesaid and forthwith bring them within this Territory and deliver them to the Sheriff of Arapahoe County to be dealt with according to law. Hereof fail not at your peril

L S

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Territory this 7th day of February A.D. 1868.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Pardon of James [illegible]

Executive Department
Colorado Territory.

To all Persons:

Whereas I Frank Hall acting Governor of the Territory aforesaid under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, do hereby grant a free full and unconditional Pardon unto James [illegible] who was convicted of the crime of Larceny at the December Term A.D. 1866 of the District Court of the first Judicial District of Colorado Territory sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe and sentenced to be confined in the County Jail of said Arapahoe County at hard labor for the term of four years from the Seventeenth (17th) day of January A.D. 1867.

In testimony whereof I have

[L.S.] Presents set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed, at Denver City this Fourteenth day of February A.D. one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Public Notice

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

To Whom it may Concern Greeting;

All Parties having in their possession arms and accoutrements or either, belonging to the Territory of Colorado issued from this Department under any Order whatever, are hereby directed and required to return the same to the undersigned forthwith at his Office in the City of Denver. If all are not returned within a reasonable time after the date of this Notice the proper Officers will proceed to collect the same from such as may be delinquent at the expense of the
6 parties holding such arms and accoutrements.

By Order of
Frank Hall
Acting Governor Col. Ter.

[illegible]
Adjutant General

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 6th 1868

To Brevt. Brig. Genl W. H. Penrose
Commanding Post of Fort Lyon Greeting;

Upon application of the duly accredited agent of the Territory of Kansas [illegible] at the limits of your Post: We hereby command you to deliver into the custody of the said duly accredited Agent, the body of Francis J. Cole, when apprehended by you, in order that the said Francis Cole may be conveyed out of this Territory, pursuant to the act of Congress in such case made and provided, and the Requisition of his

Excellency H. H. Heath Acting Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, made upon us under date of March 17th 1868 in accordance therewith.

And hereof make due return to the Governor of our said Territory.

(L. S.) Given ~~under my~~ hand and the great Seal of the Territory at Denver this Sixth day of April A. D. 1868

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 9th 1868

To J. D. Kinnear Sheriff of Las Animas County, Greeting:

Whereas, His Excellency H. H. Heath Acting Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, hath according to the act of Congress in such case made and provided made his Requisition bearing date the 17th day of March A. D. 1868 under the Great Seal of the Territory of New Mexico upon us for the body of Cyrus J. Coe who stands charged with the Crime of Larceny in the Territorial Court within and for the County of Mora in the said Territory of New Mexico, and hath represented to us that the said Cyrus J. Coe hath fled from the justice of the Territory of New Mexico and taken refuge within our Territory of Colorado:

These therefore are to Command you that you take the body of the said Cyrus J. Coe, if he shall be found in our Territory of Colorado, and hold him subject to the order of His Excellency H. H. Heath Acting Governor of the Territory of New Mexico:

And hereof make due return to the Governor of our said Territory

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed. Done at Denver this 9th day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight

(L. S.)

Frank Hall
Acting Governor C. T.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 14th 1868

To Richard Sopris Sheriff of Arapahoe County
Greeting:

Whereas His Excellency Thomas C. Fletcher Governor of the State of Missouri hath according to the act of Congress in such case made and provided made his Requisition bearing date the 14th day of March A.D. 1868 under the Great Seal of the State of Missouri upon us for the body of Chauncy R Thomas who stands charged with the crime of obtaining goods under false pretenses, in the Justice Court within and for the County of St Louis in the said State of Missouri, and hath represented to us that the said Chauncy R Thomas hath fled from the justice of the State of Missouri, and taken refuge within our Territory of Colorado:

These therefore, are to command you that you that you take the body of the said Chauncy R Thomas, if he shall be found in our Territory of Colorado, and convey him to the County Jail of the County of Arapahoe in said Territory, and him safely and securely keep there to be dealt with as the law directs.

And hereof make due return to the Governor of our said Territory.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

L. S.

Done at Denver this 14th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 26th 1868

To Richard Sopris, Sheriff of Arapahoe County
Greeting:

Whereas His Excellency Geo Smith Lieutenant Governor of the State of Missouri hath according to the Act of Congress in such case made and provided, made his Requisition, bearing date the 16th day of April A.D. 1868. under the great Seal of the State of Missouri, upon us for the body of John Felter who stands charged by indictment with the crime of obtaining goods under false pretenses in the Circuit Court within and for the County of Buchanan in the said State of Missouri, and hath represented to us that the said John Felter hath fled from the justice of the State of Missouri, and taken refuge within our Territory of Colorado;

These therefore are to Command you that you take the body of the said John Felter if he shall be found in our Territory of Colorado and convey him to the County Jail of the County of Arapahoe in said Territory and him safely and securely keep there to be dealt with as the law directs.

And hereof make due return to the Governor of our said Territory.

(L. S.)

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Denver this 26th day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight

Frank Hall,
Acting Governor.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known:

That I A C Hunt Governor of the Territory aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto Patrick Fitzgerald, who plead guilty to the crime of Manslaughter at the December Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District of Colorado Territory, sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe, A.D. 1858.

L. S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the Territory to be affixed at Denver City this Sixth day of May A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight

A. C. Hunt
Governor C. T.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known:

That I A C Hunt Governor of the Territory aforesaid under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto Edward Cain who on his own plea of the crime of Larceny at the December Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid A.D. 1867 and sentenced to imprisonment for the term of three years.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the Territory to be affixed at Denver this 7th day of May A.D. 1858.

A. C. Hunt
Governor C. T.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

✓ Be it Known:

That I A. C. Hunt Governor of the Territory aforesaid, under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law; do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto Samuel Hastings who was convicted of the Crime of Larceny and sentenced June 22nd A.D. 1867 by the District Court within and for the County of Arapahoe in said Territory, to imprisonment for two years.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed at Denver this 19th day of May A.D. 1868

(L. S.)

A. C. Hunt
Governor C. T.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known:

That I A. Cameron Hunt Governor of the Territory aforesaid under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law; do hereby grant a full, free and unconditional Pardon to James Rayfell who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the Laws of said Territory at the December Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in said Territory and sentenced to imprisonment in the Jail of said County.

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 7th day of June A.D. 1868.

(L. S.)

A. C. Hunt
Governor C. T.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver July 1st 1868

To Richard Sopris, Sheriff of Arapahoe County
Greeting:

Whereas his Excellency Thos C. Fletch Governor of the State of Missouri, hath according to the act of Congress in such case made and provided made his Requisition bearing date the 22nd day of June A.D. 1868 under the great Seal of the State of Missouri, upon us for the body of Chauncy R. Thomas who stands charged with the crime of Obtaining goods under false pretenses, in the Justice Court within and for the County of St Louis in the said State of Missouri, and hath represented to us that the said Chauncy R. Thomas hath fled from the justice of the State of Missouri and taken refuge within our Territory of Colorado:

These therefore are to command you that you take the body of the said Chauncy R. Thomas, if he shall be found in our Territory of Colorado and convey him to the County Jail of the County of Arapahoe in said Territory, and him safely and securely keep there, to be dealt with as the law directs.

And hereof make due return to the Governor of our said Territory.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sub- my name and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at Denver this 1st day of July in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

To His Excellency
The Governor of the Territory of Utah.

It appears by the annexed papers which I hereby certify are duly authenticated according to the Laws of this Territory, that Edwin A Welch stands charged by affidavit with the crime of Forgery. and it has been represented to me that he has fled from the justice of this Territory and has taken refuge in the Territory of Utah.

✓ Now therefore I Frank Hall Acting Governor of the Territory of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the United States do by these presents demand that the said Edwin A Welch be apprehended and confined in some jail of your Territory, there to await the coming of the authorized Agent of this Territory, who will return him to this Territory that he may abide his trial for the crime with which he stands charged.

L. S.

In testimony whereof. I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Territory at the city of Denver this thirteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand. Eight hundred and Sixty Eight

Frank Hall

Acting Governor

Jacob Downing of Denver. Commissioned Brig General of Colorado Militia Sept 26th 1868 for the 1st Division

Two Hundred Dollars Reward.

Stolen on the night of the fourth of September A D 1868, from Daniel L Douglass Stock Ranch fifteen miles below Trinidad C. T. the following described horses;

One large sorrel horse about seven years old, with short mane; on the near fore leg between the knee and pattern joints, a round lump can be felt: on the near side of his neck is a gall mark from a collar.

One small bay mare known as "Irish Moll" about six or seven years old, heavy muscle behind.

One black mare about twelve or fourteen years old stiffened in front, has some saddle marks.

One black horse branded "U S" on near shoulder and "I C" on near hip:

Said horses were stolen by Alfred Blue; height about five feet ten inches, slenderly built, auburn hair, front teeth filled with gold.

J. D. Blue; height about five feet eight inches, stouter built than Alfred Blue, stoop shouldered, dark curley auburn hair.

The above reward will be paid for the apprehension and delivery of each or either of the above persons into the custody of the Sheriff of Las Animas County.

A C Hunt
Governor Colorado Territory

Dec 2nd 1868.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known: That I Frank Hall Acting Governor of Colorado Territory, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto John Nelson who was convicted of the crime of Burglary under the laws of said Territory, at the January term (A.D. 1868) of the District Court of the First Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid and sentenced to imprisonment in the Jail of said County.

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L.S.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 3rd day of April A.D. 1869

Frank Hall
Acting Governor

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 15th 1869

To the Sheriff of Douglas County

Sir:

It has come to my knowledge that certain citizens of Douglas County in violation of the Laws of the Territory have assumed the right to oppose by force of arms and otherwise the peaceful conduct through our Territory of sundry Droves of "Texas Cattle", and that they have dispersed and scattered said herds of cattle and persistently opposed their collection by their owners who are desirous of speedily removing them from our Territorial jurisdiction.

The Statutes declare that it shall not be lawful for any person to import into the Territory of Colorado any cattle known as "Texas Cattle" and provide severe penalties for all infractions of this regulation; but there is no provision which will justify the People of Douglas County in taking forcible possession of such Cattle or in maltreating those in charge of them.

If any man has violated the law by bringing them into the Country, he should be arrested, taken before the established Courts and on conviction punished as the law directs.

I call your attention to these facts and trust that you will at once proceed to exercise the duties of your high office for the prevention of further outrages, and for the rigid enforcement of law and order throughout the County.

Respectfully Yours
Frank Hall
Acting Governor of Col. Ter.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver April 15th 1869

To the People of Douglas County!

Whereas it has been made known to me that certain Citizens of Douglas County are acting in direct subversion of Law and Order, in preventing by threats and violent demonstrations the removal from the Territory of certain "Texas Cattle" belonging to one Curtis who holds and acknowledges himself subject to any fines and penalties that may be legally pronounced against him for the violation of any law of our Territory!

This therefore is to counsel and admonish all good citizens not to prevent the removal of these animals from the borders of our Territory, and in further pursuance of my official duty, I do hereby urge the apprehension and punishment in manner provided by law, of each and every person guilty of bringing what are known as "Texas Cattle" within the limits of this Territory, but at the same time caution all persons against the crime of taking the Law into their own hands or interfering with or attempting to wrest the possession of any such cattle from the lawful owners.

The Executive authority will be exerted to any extent that may be necessary to enforce a proper respect for the rights of property and obedience to law.

Frank Hall
Acting Governor of
Col. Terry

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known;

That I A Cameron Hunt Governor of Colorado Territory, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto James Murray who was convicted of the crime of Larceny, under the laws of this Territory, at the November Term of the District Court (1868) of the Second Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Gilpin, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Jail of said County.

{L.S.}

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 21st day of April A.D. 1869.

A. C. Hunt
Governor of Col. Terry

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it known;

That I A Cameron Hunt Governor of Colorado Territory, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto Thomas Lowery who was convicted of the crime of Larceny, under the laws of said Territory, ~~and~~ at the November Term of the District Court (1868) of the First Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Gilpin in said Territory, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Jail of said County.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 21st day of April AD 1869.

{ L. S. }

A. C. Hunt
Governor of Col. Terry

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known:

That I, A Cameron Hunt Governor of Colorado Territory, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto George B. Hunt who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the laws of said Territory, at the January Term of the District Court (1869) of the First Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 21st day of April AD 1869

{ L. S. }

A. C. Hunt
Governor of Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known:

That I, A Cameron Hunt Governor of Colorado Territory, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto James Brite who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the laws of said Territory, at the January (1869) Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid, and sentenced to Eighteen months imprisonment from the 5th day of March 1869, in the Jail of said County

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 29th day of April A.D. 1869

{ L. S. }

A. C. Hunt
Gov. of Colo. Terry.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known:

That I, A. Cameron Hunt, Governor of Colorado Territory under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby grant a free, full and unconditional Pardon unto Jose Rodarigues who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the laws of said Territory at the October Term (1868) of the District Court of the First Judicial District sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid and sentenced to two years imprisonment in the Jail of said County.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this first day of May A.D. 1869.

{L.S.}

A. C. Hunt
Governor of Col. Terry

Executive Department
Colorado Territory

Be it Known:

That I, A. Cameron Hunt Governor of the Territory of Colorado, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law do hereby grant a free full and unconditional Pardon unto John Shirley who was convicted of the crime of Larceny under the Laws of said Territory, at the October (1868) Term of the District Court of the First Judicial District, sitting within and for the County of Arapahoe in the Territory aforesaid, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Jail of said County.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed this 1st day of May A.D. 1869.

{L.S.}

A. C. Hunt
Governor of Col. Terry